

Extreme danger could well describe the fire season we face.

Richard Baumeister, our new president, mentioned several recent fires that could have easily gone out of control. A run down on our new fire control equipment and brush truck improvements followed.

Matt Charboneau showed us a mock-up of a CAP (Campers' Awareness Program) form. It will be used to gather information about parked vehicles or campers. That information will be kept by SMERT and a copy will be left with the vehicle/campers. Maybe folks will be more accountable if they realize we have their license plate number.

Bill Powers explained the new GMRS radio network he initiated and installed. It involves a repeater and provides superior distance. It requires a GMRS license to operate.

Roger Debenham discussed the affordable and easy to use FRS radios. These are great for community networking as well as allowing a family to stay in touch. Fires can put an end to power and phone lines during these emergencies. The FRS radio is our means of first notification. Due to our topography a relay procedure is necessary.

A new mapping system is being developed to make certain we are all on the same page about describing locations in the community.

Dave and Pat Maslowski, who head up our emergency traffic assistance (ETA) were absent due to the "crud" but they stated they would be holding a get together to share experiences with new folks who may wish to help out.

Dave Legits will be sharing some of his exciting mountain moments with us next meeting. Dave is a firefighter and has owned land here for over 25 years.

Thanks to Sharon and Bill for the use of their gracious accommodations and to Roger Debenham and Matt Charboneau for the refreshments.

Lori Shafer has offered the campground for training. The fire folks are planning a hands-on session with our new truck,

Our T-shirt project is on hold due to economic considerations.

Announcements included our need for a secretary to keep meeting notes and such.